

2006 California Transportation Planning Conference Draft Agenda

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

1:00 pm to 3:30 pm **Plenary Session**

Master of Ceremony: Nicolas Papadakis, Executive Director, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm **Welcome**

- Ralph Rubio, Mayor of the City of Seaside, and Immediate Past President of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County
- Will Kempton, Director, California Department of Transportation

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm **Overview of SAFETEA-LU Planning and Air Quality Provisions**

- Charles Goodman, Director, Systems Planning, Office of Planning and the Environment, Federal Transit Administration
- Robert Ritter, Team Leader, Planning Capacity Building Team, Office of Planning, Federal Highway Administration
- Emily Tait, Air Quality Specialist, Office of Natural & Human Environment, Federal Highway Administration

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm **SAFETEA-LU Planning and Air Quality Question & Answer Panel**

- Charles Goodman, Director, Systems Planning, Office of Planning and the Environment, Federal Transit Administration
- Robert Ritter, Team Leader, Planning Capacity Building Team, Office of Planning, Federal Highway Administration
- Emily Tait, Air Quality Specialist, Office of Natural & Human Environment, Federal Highway Administration
- Mayela Sosa, Planning Team Leader, California Division, Federal Highway Administration
- Sharon Scherzinger, Acting Chief, Division of Transportation Planning, California Department of Transportation

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm **Break**

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

Session 1 Scenario Planning and California's Blueprint Process

- *FHWA Scenario Planning Overview and How MPOs Can Meet SAFETEA-LU Requirements with Scenario Planning*, Brian Betlyon, Metropolitan Planning Specialist, Resource Center, Federal Highway Administration

- *SANDAG's Experience with Scenario Planning over the Years*, Coleen Clementson, Regional Comprehensive Plan Staff, San Diego Association of Governments
- *Merced's Experience with Scenario Planning and the PIP*, Rich Green, Merced County Association of Governments

Session 2 Performance Measures in Planning Process

- *Rural Transportation System Performance Measurement Study Results*, Nick Compin, California Department of Transportation
- *MTC's Experience with Performance Measures in Planning*, Doug Kimsey, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- *Performance Measurement in RTPs*, Garth Hopkins, California Department of Transportation
- *Update on Performance Measurement at the California Department of Transportation*, Debbie Mah, California Department of Transportation

Session 3 Safety in Planning

- *California Strategic Highway Safety Plan*, Ken Kochevar, Safety Engineer, California Division, Federal Highway Administration and Jesse Bhullar, P.E., T.E., State Highway Safety Engineer, California Department of Transportation
- *Older Californian Traffic Safety Task Force*, Patti Yanochko, MPH, Center for Injury Prevention Policy and Practices, SDSU, State and Local Injury Control Section, EPIC and Ken Kochevar, Safety Engineer, California Division, Federal Highway Administration

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm **Welcoming Reception**

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

7:45 am to 8:15 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:15 am to 10:15 am **Plenary Session**

Master of Ceremony: Gregg Albright, Deputy Director, Planning and Modal Programs, California Department of Transportation

8:15 am to 9:15 am ***Overview of SAFETEA-LU Environmental Provisions***

- Marilee Mortenson, Environmental Management Office, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation
- Cindy Adams, NEPA Delegation Manager, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation
- Sharon Scherzinger, Acting Chief, Division of Transportation Planning, California Department of Transportation
- Gregg Erickson, Chief, Office of Biological Studies and Technical Assistance, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation

9:15 am to 10:15 am ***SAFETEA-LU Environmental Provisions Question & Answer Panel***

- Marilee Mortenson, Environmental Management Office, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation
- Cindy Adams, NEPA Delegation Manager, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation
- Sharon Scherzinger, Acting Chief, Division of Transportation Planning, California Department of Transportation
- Mayela Sosa, Planning Team Leader, California Division, Federal Highway Administration
- Nancy Levin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Review Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
- Gregg Erickson, Chief, Office of Biological Studies and Technical Assistance, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation

10:15 am to 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 am to 12:15 pm ***Concurrent Sessions***

- Session 1 Group Breakout Discussions on SAFETEA-LU Impacts on Planning and Programming in California by July 1, 2007. Facilitators include:
- Rachel Falsetti, Division of Programming, California Department of Transportation
 - Ross McKeown, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
 - Garth Hopkins, Division of Transportation Planning, California Department of Transportation
 - Rich Macias, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- Session 2 Land Use Modeling Tools
- *Overview of Land Use Modeling Tools Used by MPOs in California*, Mike McCoy, Research Director, Information Center for the Environment, UC Davis
 - *SACOG's Experience With Land Use Modeling Tools*, Gordon Garry, Director of Research and Analysis, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)
- Session 3 Transit Planning and Programs
- *FTA involvement and guidance for Alternative Analysis*, Dwayne Weeks, Community Planner, Office of Project Planning, Analysis Division, Federal Transit Administration
 - *New Starts/Small Starts*, Dwayne Weeks, Community Planner, Office of Project Planning, Analysis Division, Federal Transit Administration

12:15 pm to 1:30 pm **Luncheon**

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm ***Concurrent Sessions***

- Session 1 Public Participation Process and Techniques
- *National Overview of the Public Participation Process*, Robert Ritter, Team Leader, Planning Capacity Building Team, Office of Planning, Federal Highway Administration
 - *Overview of SCAG's Public Participation Process*, Cheryl Collier, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
 - *One CBO's Efforts to Engage the Public in Transportation Decisions*, Stephanie Taylor, Central City Neighborhood Partners Project—Los Angeles

- Session 2 Air Quality Considerations in the Project Development Process
- *Project-level Conformity*, Mike Brady, California Department of Transportation
 - *Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program Updates*, Jean Mazur, Air Quality Specialist, California Division, Federal Highway Administration
 - *West Coast Diesel Collaborative*, Lynn Kuo, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

- Session 3 Tribal Consultation and Coordination
- *Methods to Engage Tribal Governments in Transportation Planning and Programming*, Tom Davis, Chief Planning and Development Officer, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Palm Springs, CA
 - *State DOT's Role and Responsibilities in Working with Tribal Governments*, Cynthia Gomez, Chief, Native American Liaison Branch, Office of Regional and Interagency Planning, California Department of Transportation
 - *Coordination, Consultation, and Effect Partnership Building with Tribal Governments*, Joseph Myers, Executive Director, National Indian Justice Center

3:00 pm to 3:30 pm **Break**

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

- Session 1 Freight Planning
- *Goods Movement Action Plan*, Richard A. Nordahl, Chief, Office of Goods Movement, California Department of Transportation
 - *Southern California Regional Strategy for Goods Movement*, Nancy Pfeffer, Goods Movement Program Manager, Southern California Association of Governments
 - *Estimating Economic Impacts of Border Wait Times in the San Diego-Baja California Region*, Elisa Arias, Senior Transportation Planner, San Diego Association of Governments

- Session 2 Financial Planning and SAFETEA-LU Programs
- Jennifer Mayer, Innovative Finance Specialist, Resource Center, Federal Highway Administration

- *Metropolitan Transportation Commission Financial Planning Case Study Update*, From the Federal Highway Administration: Mayela Sosa, Planning Team Leader, California Division; Lisa Randall, Planning Technical Service Team Leader, Resource Center; and Brian Betlyon, Metropolitan Planning Specialist, Resource Center.

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm **Field Trip: Planning Hits the Trail—Tour of the Future Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail**
 Tour the planned trail route designed to provide a bicycle and pedestrian-friendly way to explore the shores of the Monterey Bay's National Marine Sanctuary. Learn how local agencies are grappling with the challenges of sensitive environmental habitat, adjacent agricultural uses and scarce funding as they prepare the trail master plan. See where the trail already exists and where there are gaps and opportunities for new segments. A brainchild of Congressman Sam Farr, the trail is a partnership project between the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

Thursday, June 1, 2006

7:45 am to 8:15 am **Continental Breakfast**

8:15 am to 9:45 am **Concurrent Sessions**

- Session 1 Meeting the Mobility Challenges of the Aging
- *The Aging of California and their Mobility Needs*, Charles Mason, Associate State Director, AARP California
 - *Transportation Options for Seniors – Models for Action*, Dr. Helen Kerschner, President and CEO, Beverly Foundation
 - *Independent Transportation Networks*, Nicole Kaplan, Vice President of Programs and Services, Center for Healthy Aging, Santa Monica
- Session 2 Travel Demand Modeling
- *Freight Analysis Framework*, Supin Yoder, Planning Modeling Specialist, Resource Center, Federal Highway Administration
 - *Integration of California Statewide and Metropolitan Travel Demand Models*, Chuck Purvis, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
 - *FHWA Travel Model Improvement Program*, Roundtable Discussion
- Session 3 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): Practical Application
- *Bridging ITS from planning to Project Development*, Frank Cechini, ITS Engineer, Federal Highway Administration California Division
 - *Rural ITS Applications*, Chris Strong, Research Engineer, Western Transportation Institute

- *ITS in Freight Movement*, Michael Onder, Team Leader, Freight Technology & Operations, Federal Highway Administration

9:45 am to 10:00 am **Break**

10:00 am to 11:30 am ***Concurrent Sessions***

Session 1 The World of Federal Lands

- *An Overview from Federal Lands Highway Headquarters*, Bob Bini, Transportation Team Leader, and Cynthia Hatley, Office of Federal Lands Highway, Washington, D.C.
- *Forest Service*, Bill Fodge, Forest Highway Program Manager, Region 5, U.S.D.A. Forest Service

Session 2 Human Services and Transit Planning Requirements

- *New Freedom, Job Access and Reverse Commute, United We Ride, and Coordinated Plan Requirements*, Charlie Goodman, Director, Systems Planning, Office of Planning and the Environment, Federal Transit Administration
- *Caltrans' Transit Perspective and Initiatives*, Kimberly Gayle, Chief, Office of State and Federal Grants, Division of Mass Transportation, California Department of Transportation

Session 3 Linking Planning & NEPA

- *Introduction and Overview*, Leigh Levine, Transportation Planner, California Division, Federal Highway Administration
- *TITLE*, Nancy Levin, Environmental Protection Agency
- *TITLE*, Debra Jones, SACOG
- *TITLE*, Cathy Bechtel, RCTC

11:30 am to noon **Closing Plenary Session**